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Security Council

10 a.m. . . . . 5564th meeting . . . . . Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. The situation in the Middle East, including the Palestinian question

   Letter dated 6 November 2006 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Qatar to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2006/868)

   Letter dated 7 November 2006 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Azerbaijan to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2006/869)

   Letter dated 8 November 2006 from the Permanent Representative of Cuba to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2006/871)

Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism

3 p.m. . . . . 174th meeting (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 7

Announcement

There will be an informal briefing by the Co-Chairs of the High-level Panel on United Nations System-wide Coherence, on the occasion of the presentation of the report of the High-level Panel to the Secretary-General, *today*, 9 November 2006, from 11 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

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General Assembly
Sixty-first session

Main Committees

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . 25th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 2

Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories (A/61/500, A/61/330, A/61/331, A/61/328, A/61/329 and A/61/327) . . . . . [32]

Introduction and action on draft resolutions A/C.4/61/L.9, A/C.4/61/L.10, A/C.4/61/L.11, A/C.4/61/L.12, A/C.4/61/L.13, A/C.4/61/L.14, A/C.4/61/L.15, A/C.4/61/L.16, A/C.4/61/L.17 and A/C.4/61/L.18

Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects . . . . . [33]

Third Committee

3–6 p.m. . . . . 43rd meeting . . . . . Conference Room 1

1. Programme Planning (A/60/537, A/61/6 (Prog. 19), A/61/16 (Prog. 19) and A/C.3/61/3) [118]

   General discussion

2. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions . . . . . [41]

   Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/61/L.52

3. Right of peoples to self-determination . . . . . [66]

   Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/61/L.51

4. Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms . . . . . [67 (b)]

   Introduction of draft resolutions A/C.3/61/L.20, A/C.3/61/L.25, A/C.3/61/L.30, A/C.3/61/L.31, A/C.3/61/L.32 and A/C.3/61/L.45

5. Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives . [67 (c)]

   Introduction of draft resolutions A/C.3/61/L.37, A/C.3/61/L.38, A/C.3/61/L.39, A/C.3/61/L.40, A/C.3/61/L.41, A/C.3/61/L.42 and A/C.3/61/L.43

6. Advancement of women . . . . . [61 (a)]

   Action on draft resolution A/C.3/61/L.11/Rev.1

7. Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms . . . . . [67 (b)]

   Action on draft resolution A/C.3/61/L.44

Fifth Committee

10 a.m. . . . . 19th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 3

1. Improving the financial situation of the United Nations (A/61/556) . . . . . [119]

General discussion

2. Programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007 . . . . . [117]

United Nations Fund for International Partnerships (A/61/189)

Introduction and general discussion

3. Administrative and budgetary coordination of the United Nations with the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency (A/61/203 and A/61/203/Corr.1) [120]

Introduction and general discussion

3–6 p.m. . . . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 123 (Human resources management (A/61/255, A/61/255/Add.1, A/61/255/Add.1/Corr.1, A/61/228, A/61/257, A/61/257/Add.1, A/61/257/Add.2, A/61/257/Add.3, A/61/319, A/61/274, A/61/201, A/61/537, A/60/310, A/59/716, A/59/786, A/60/861, A/59/388, A/60/262, A/59/724, A/59/526 and A/59/526/Add.1))

Sixth Committee

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . 21st meeting . . . . . Trusteeship Council Chamber

4.30–6 p.m. . . . . 22nd meeting . . . . . Trusteeship Council Chamber

Report of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country (A/61/26) . . . . . [148]

Introduction of and action on draft resolution A/C.6/61/L.11

Status of the Protocols Additional to the Geneva Conventions of 1949 and relating to the protection of victims of armed conflicts . . . . . [75]

Introduction of and action on draft resolution A/C.6/61/L.9

Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects . . . . . [33]

Introduction of and action on draft resolution A/C.6/61/L.13

Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its fifty-eighth session [78]

Introduction of and action on draft resolutions A/C.6/61/L.14,A/C.6/61/L.15 and A/C.6/61/L.16

Programme planning . . . . . [118]

Measures to eliminate international terrorism . . . . . [100]

Oral report by the Chairman of the Working Group

General Assembly

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10.30 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10

Financial and any other implications resulting from the introduction of a staff retention bonus at the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda and the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia

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Advisory Committee on the United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law
Forty-first session

3–4.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Trusteeship Council Chamber

[*Note:* The membership of the Committee is as follows: Canada, Colombia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Ethiopia, France, Germany, Ghana, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Italy, Jamaica, Kenya, Lebanon, Malaysia, Mexico, Nigeria, Pakistan, Portugal, Russian Federation, Sudan, Trinidad and Tobago, Ukraine, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America and Uruguay.]

General Assembly
Sixty-first session

Second Committee
Informal "informal" consultations

Facilitator, Mr. Tri Tharyat (Indonesia) under agenda item 53 (c) (International Strategy for Disaster Reduction – Natural disasters and vulnerability)

From 10 to 11 a.m. in Conference Room 6.

Facilitator, Ms. Irena Zubčević (Croatia), under agenda item 53 (d) (Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind)

From 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

Facilitator, Ms. Irena Zubčević (Croatia), under agenda item 53 (a) (Implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development) – International Year on Forests

From 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in the back of Conference Room 2.

Facilitator, Ms. Nicole Ruder (Switzerland), under agenda 53 (c) (International Strategy for Disaster Reduction)

From 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Facilitator, Mr. Uladzimir Gerus (Belarus), under agenda item 58 (Operational activities for development: operational activities for development of the United Nations system) – Commemoration of the sixtieth anniversary of the operations of the United Nations Children's Fund

From 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room A.

Facilitator, Mr. Andre Siregar (Indonesia), under agenda 55 (b) (International migration and development)

From 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room DC2-1949.

Facilitator, Mr. Giza Martins (Angola), under agenda item 55 (d) (Preventing and combating corrupt practices and transfer of funds of illicit origin and returning such assets to the countries of origin, consistent with the United Nations Convention against Corruption)

From 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C-209-B.

Facilitator, Mr. Javad Amin-Mansour (Islamic Republic of Iran), under agenda item 53 (a) (Implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development)

From 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Facilitator, Mr. José Antonio Doig (Peru), under agenda item 53 (d) (Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind) – Recognition of the Caribbean Sea as A Special Area in the context of sustainable development

From 3 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room A.

Facilitator, Mr. Leslie B. Gatan (Philippines), under agenda item 55 (a) (Globalization and interdependence)

From 3.30 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

Facilitator, Ms. Katarzyna Kukier (Poland), under agenda item 51 (b) (International financial system and development)

From 4.30 to 6 p.m. in the back of Conference Room 2.

Facilitator, Mr. Tony Fautua (New Zealand), under agenda item 53 (b) (Follow-up to and implementation of the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States)

From 4.30 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room A.

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Informal consultations on the draft resolution on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions, under agenda item 67 (b) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Sweden)

10 a.m.–12 noon . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room C

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and full implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcome of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 61 (b) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Costa Rica)

11 a.m.–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Back of Conference Room 1

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism, under agenda item 67 (b) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Mexico)

1.15–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room C

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the protection of migrants, under agenda item 67 (b) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Mexico)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room C

Open-ended informal consulations on the draft resolution on the right to development (convened by the delegation of Cuba)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room E

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the strenghtening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations, under agenda item 69 (a) (convened by the delegation of Sweden)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 9

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Group of 77 (on the draft resolution on the follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and full implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcome of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly)

9–11 a.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 1

Group of 77 (on the draft resolutions on the eradication of poverty; and the New Partnership for Africa's Development)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room D

Group of 77 (on Fifth Committee matters)

1.30–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 5

Group of 77 (at the ambassadorial level)

3–4 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Economic and Social Council Chamber

Group of 77 (on the draft resolutions on industrial development cooperation; the United Nations Institute for Training and Research; the International Year of Sanitation; and El Niño; and report on all Second Committee draft resolutions)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room D

Group of 77 (on oceans and the law of the sea)

4.15–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Economic and Social Council Chamber

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UNITAR/OLA Seminar on Deposit of Treaty Actions with the Secretary-General and the Registration of Treaties (in English)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 8

African Group (Third Committee experts)

1.15–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 7

Arab Group (General Assembly experts)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 2

Informal briefing for members of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping on the development of a peacekeeping doctrine, including an update on the work on peacekeeping terminology conducted by the Peacekeeping Best Practices Section (organized by the Department of Peacekeeping Operations)

3–5 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 4

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The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at <www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.htm>.

Thursday, 9 November 2006

Room S-226

12 noon . . . . . Press briefing by the Spokesman

12.30 p.m. . . . . H.E. Mr. Shaukat Aziz, Prime Minister of Pakistan, and H.E. Mr. Jens Stoltenberg, Prime Minister of Norway, Co-Chairs of the Secretary-General's High-level Panel on United Nations System-wide Coherence (on the Panel's report)

2 p.m. . . . . Ms. Bani Dugal, Baha'i International Community to the United Nations; Ms. Doris Mpoumou, on behalf of Ms. Bene Madunagu, Development Alternatives with Women for a New Era; Ms. June Zeitlin, Women's Environment and Development Organization; and Ms. Cynthia Rothschild, Center for Women's Global Leadership (on the response of women's groups to the recommendations on gender equality in the Secretary-General's High-level Panel on United Nations System-wide Coherence)

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Friday, 10 November 2006

General Assembly

Sixty-first session

10 a.m. . . . . 51st plenary meeting . . . . . General Assembly Hall

Report of the Human Rights Council (A/61/53) . . . . . [68]

General Assembly

Sixty-first session

Informal consultations on agenda item 69 (Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance) and its sub-items (a) and (d)

Informal consultations on draft proposals under agenda item 69 and sub-items (a) and (d), chaired by H.E. Mr. Jean-Marc Hoscheit (Luxembourg), will be held on Friday, 10 November 2006, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 9. All interested delegations are invited to attend.

General Assembly

Sixty-first session

Informal consultations on agenda item 71 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 71 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea) will be held from Friday, 10, to Thursday, 16 November 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

Informal consultations on agenda item 71 (b) (Oceans and the law of the sea)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 71 (b) (Sustainable fisheries, including through the 1995 Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks, and related instruments) will be held as follows: Friday, 17 November 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 8; Monday, 20 November, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 9; and Tuesday and Wednesday, 21 to 22 November, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

Main Committees

Second Committee

The launching of the International Human Solidarity Day will take place on Friday, 10 November 2006, from 10 to 11.30 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber. The keynote speaker is Mr. Lech Wałęsa, Nobel Prize Laureate and founder of the "Solidarity" movement in Poland.

The event, organized by the Division for Social Policy and Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, under the auspices of the Second Committee, will be presided over by H.E. Mrs. Tiina Intelmann (Estonia), Chairperson of the Second Committee. For further information, please visit the following Web site: <www.un.org/esa/socdev/social/solidarity.htm>.

Members of Permanent Missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

Informal "informal" consultations

Facilitator, Mr. Harald Aspelund (Iceland) under agenda item 54 (Implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) and strengthening of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat)

Friday, 10 November 1006, from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room A.

Facilitator, (Angola), under agenda item 57 (a) (Implementation of the first United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006))

Friday, 10 November 2006, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

Facilitator, Mr. Andre Siregar (Indonesia), under agenda 55 (b) (International migration and development)

Friday, 10 November 2006, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room DC2-1949.

Facilitator, Mr. Uladzimir Gerus (Belarus), under agenda item 58 (Operational activities for development: operational activities for development of the United Nations system) – Commemoration of the sixtieth anniversary of the operations of the United Nations Children's Fund

Monday, 13 November 2006, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

Facilitator, Mr. Tri Tharyat (Indonesia). under agenda item 53 (c) (International Strategy for Disaster Reduction) – Natural disasters and vulnerability

Monday, 13 November 2006, from 3 to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 6; and

Wednesday, 15 November 2006, from 3 to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

[*Note:* The list of speakers for all items allocated to the Second Committee is open for inscription. Delegations wishing to be inscribed are requested to contact the secretariat of the Committee (Ms. Dolores Lois (tel. 1 (212) 963-2184; fax 1 (212) 963-5935)). Delegations are reminded that the names of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers should be submitted to Ms. Jennifer de Laurentis, Secretary of the Second Committee (room S-2950C; fax 1 (212) 963-5935). Delegations wishing to reserve rooms for informal consultations on Second Committee matters are requested to contact Ms. Danielle Maillard-Lejano (tel. 1 (917) 367-5865; fax 1 (212) 963-5935; e-mail maillard-lejano@un.org).]

Fifth Committee

The Fifth Committee will hold its 20th meeting on Friday, 10 November 2006, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 3. Informal consultations (closed) will be held following the adjournment of the 20th meeting, and at 3p.m. in Conference Room 5.

Economic and Social Council

Commission on the Status of Women
Round table

The Bureau of the Commission on the Status of Women will hold a round table, in the context of the sixty-first session of the General Assembly, to commemorate the sixtieth anniversary of the Commission on the Status of Women, on Friday, 10 November 2006, from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The round table will be chaired by the President of the General Assembly. The Secretary-General will make an introductory statement. The President of the Economic and Social Council will also make introductory remarks. High-level representatives of Governments, Parliaments, United Nations entities, civil society and the private sector will participate in the interactive dialogue, moderated by the Chairperson of the Commission on the Status of Women. Members of Permanent and Observer Missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

Forthcoming informal meetings

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the rights of the child, under agenda item 63 (a) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Uruguay)

Friday, 10 November 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and full implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcome of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 61 (b) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Costa Rica)

Friday, 10 November 2006, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room C

Open-ended informal consulations on the draft resolution on the right to development (convened by the delegation of Cuba)

Friday, 10 November 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room E.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the international assistance for the economic rehabilitation of Angola, under agenda item 69 (b) (convened by the delegation of Angola)

Friday, 10 November 2006, from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C-209B.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization of the Islamic Conference, under agenda item 108 (q) (convened by the Chairman of the OIC Group (Azerbaijan)) (at the expert level)

Friday, 10 November 2006, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 3.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the safety and security of humanitarian personnel and protection of United Nations personnel, under agenda item 69 (convened by the delegation of Finland, on behalf of the European Union)

Friday, 10 November 2006, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room E.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the strengthening emergency relief, rehabilitation, reconstruction, recovery and prevention in the aftermath of the Indian Ocean tsunami disaster, under agenda item 69 (a) (convened by the delegation of Indonesia, on behalf of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN))

Tuesday, 14 November 2006, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room E.

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Arab Group (at the ambassadorial level)

Friday, 10 November 2006, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

Joint UN-IPU Parliamentary Hearing on "Conflict prevention and peacebuilding: Reinforcing the key role of the United Nations"

Monday, 13 November 2006, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber; and

Tuesday, 14 November 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please call Mr. Alessandro Motter, Inter-Parliamentary Union (tel. 1 (212) 557-5880); or visit <www.ipu.org>.]

UNITAR briefing on the Security Council for members of the Council

Monday, 13 November 2006, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 9;

Tuesday and Wednesday, 14 and 15 November 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 9; and

Thursday, 16 November 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

[For further information, please contact Ms. Catharina Goldschmidt, UNITAR (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963-9684; e-mail goldschmidt@un.org).]

Friends of the International Criminal Court (briefing on the report of the Committee on Budget and Finance)

Tuesday, 14 November 2006, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room E.

Non-Aligned Movement: Coordinating Bureau

Wednesday, 15 November 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

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2007 Shanghai Special Olympics World Summer Games Forum, on the theme "Special olympics for social harmony" (co-sponsored by the Permanent Mission of China, the United Nations New York Office of Sport for Development and Peace, the Shanghai Municipal Government and Special Olympics International)

Friday, 10 November 2006, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

[All are invited to attend. A photo exhibit will be held from 10 to 15 November 2006, at the Viennese Café, First Basement neck area. For further information, please contact Ms. Xiaomei Li, Permanent Mission of China (tel. 1 (212) 655-6145; e-mail li_xiaomei@mfa.gov.cn).]

Special event on the theme "Breaking the cycle of poverty: Challenges and opportunities for the LDCs" (organized by UN-OHRLLS, under the auspices of the International Forum on the Eradication of Poverty)

Thursday, 16 November 2006, from 3 to 4.20 p.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Carol Sakubita, UN-OHRLLS (tel. 1 (917) 367-5710; e-mail sakubita@un.org).]

Credentials of representatives to the sixty-first session of the General Assembly

Delegations are reminded that credentials should be issued for all representatives to the sixty-first regular session of the General Assembly, in accordance with rule 27 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly. Credentials should be sent *by Wednesday, 13 December 2006*, to the secretariat of the Credentials Committee (tel. 1 (212) 963-5358, 963-5352 or 963-5377; room S-3450C, S-3420B or S-3420S).

Administrative Tribunal (23 October-22 November 2006)

The Administrative Tribunal will hold meetings (closed) *every day* until Wednesday, 22 November 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m., in Suite 2, DC2 Building.

Security Council

Daily informal briefings

As from Friday, 3 November 2006, and for the rest of the month, the presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations, which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations.

Recorded information

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-8530, or by clicking on "Daily Programme" on the Web site of the Security Council (<www.un.org/Docs/sc>).

Prepared statements

Speakers in the Security Council are advised that providing in advance copies of prepared statements which they intend to read out in the Council greatly facilitates the work of the Secretariat by permitting a sufficient number of copies to be distributed to all meeting participants and by assisting interpreters, verbatim reporters and press officers in maintaining the quality of the product delivered. Both interpretations and verbatim records rely upon the statement actually delivered, but copies of texts help interpreters to correctly render details and nuances and help verbatim reporters to produce the written record more quickly. Speakers are therefore encouraged, whenever possible, to provide copies of their statements, as early as possible in advance of delivery, to the Conference Officer in the Chamber.

Delegations are kindly requested to make 40 copies for minimum distribution to Council members and relevant services, and 200 additional copies for general distribution in the Security Council Chamber.

Delegations wishing to make statements available for the media are kindly requested to deliver 50 copies to the Media Documents Centre (room S-394).

Wednesday, 8 November 2006

Security Council

5563rd meeting

The situation in Bosnia and Herzegovina

Letter dated 12 October 2006 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2006/810)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representatives of Bosnia and Herzegovina and Finland, at their request, to participate in the consideration of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

In accordance with the understanding reached in the Council's prior consultations, the President, with the consent of the Council, extended an invitation under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to Mr. Christian Schwarz-Schilling, High Representative for the Implementation of the Peace Agreement on Bosnia and Herzegovina.

The Council began its consideration of the item and heard a briefing by Mr. Schwarz-Schilling.

The Council heard a statement by His Excellency Mr. Adnan Terzić, Chairman of the Council of Ministers of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Russian Federation, Greece, the United States, Slovakia, China, Denmark, Argentina, Ghana, the United Republic of Tanzania, France, Qatar, Japan, the United Kingdom and the Congo, and by the President, speaking in his capacity as the representative of Peru.

The Council heard statements by the representative of Finland (speaking on behalf of the European Union; the acceding counties Bulgaria and Romania; the candidate countries Turkey, Croatia and The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia; the EFTA country Norway, member of the European Economic Area, as well as Ukraine and Moldova, which aligned themselves with the statement).

Mr. Schwarz-Schilling responded to comments made.

General Assembly

Sixty-first session

50th plenary meeting

Necessity of ending the economic, commercial and financial embargo imposed by the United States of America against Cuba . . . . . [18]

(a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/61/132)

(b) Draft resolution (A/61/L.10)

(c) Amendment (A/61/L.19)

Statements were made by the representatives of South Africa (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Saint Lucia (on behalf of the Caribbean Community) and Mexico.

The General Assembly decided to close the list of speakers for this item.

Statements were made by the representatives of Viet Nam, China, the United States and Indonesia.

H.E. Mr. Felipe Pérez Roque, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Cuba, made a statement, in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/61/L.10.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Syrian Arab Republic, India, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Malaysia, Namibia and the United Republic of Tanzania.

The representative of Australia made a statement, in the course of which he introduced an amendment to draft resolution A/61/L.10, contained in document A/61/L.19.

The representative of Cuba moved on a point of order, under rule 74 of the rules of the procedure, that no action be taken with respect to the amendment (A/61/L.19).

The representative of the United States and Australia spoke against the motion.

The representatives of South Africa and China spoke in favor of the motion.

By 126 votes to 51, with 5 abstentions (recorded vote), the motion for no action was adopted.

Statements in explanation of vote before the vote were made by the representatives of Finland (on behalf of the European Union) and the Russian Federation.

The representative of Benin made a statement on a point of order.

The General Assembly then proceeded to vote on draft resolution A/61/L.10.

By 183 votes to 4, with 1 abstention (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/61/L.10 (resolution A/61/11).

Statements in explanations of vote after the vote were made by the representatives of Brazil (on behalf of MERCOSUR), the Sudan, Bolivia, Myanmar, Zimbabwe, Belarus, Lesotho, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Zambia, the Lao People's Democratic Republic and Egypt.

The representative of Cuba made a statement in the exercise of right of reply.

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 18.

Main Committees

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

24th meeting

Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories . . [32]

The Committee concluded its general debate with statements by the representatives of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Egypt, Yemen, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Bahrain, Qatar, India, Malaysia, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela and Lebanon.

Right of reply

The representative of Israel, the observer for Palestine, the representatives of the Islamic Republic of Iran and the Syrian Arab Republic made statements in the exercise of the right to reply.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

Second Committee

26th meeting

Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance . . . . . [69]

(b) Special economic assistance to individual countries or regions

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/61/L.10/Rev.1

The Committee resumed its consideration of the sub-item.

The representative of Angola introduced the draft resolution and announced that Argentina, Botswana, Brazil, China, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Germany, Madagascar, Malawi, Mauritius, Namibia, South Africa, Timor-Leste, Togo and Turkey had also joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Action on draft resolution A/C.2/61/L.8/Rev.1

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of Philippines announced that Grenada, Italy, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Timor-Leste, Tunisia, Turkey and Uzbekistan had also joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Subsequently, Angola, Brazil, Cape Verde, Guinea, Haiti, Honduras, Nigeria and South Africa joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution.

Subsequently, a statement was made by the representative of the Philippines concerning sponsors to the draft resolution.

Groups of countries in special situations (A/61/486) . . . . . [56]

(a) Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries (A/61/82-E/2006/74, E/2006/74/Corr.1, A/61/162, A/61/173, A/61/173/Corr.1, A/61/323 and A/61/117)

(b) Specific actions related to the particular needs and problems of landlocked developing countries: outcome of the International Ministerial Conference of Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries and Donor Countries and International Financial and Development Institutions on Transit Transport Cooperation (A/61/302, A/61/126 and A/61/181)

The Committee began its consideration of the item.

The Under-Secretary-General and High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States made an introductory statement.

Comments were made and questions were posed by the representatives of the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Afghanistan, Benin, Japan, Paraguay and Bolivia, to which the High Representative responded.

Statements were made by the representatives of South Africa (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Finland (on behalf of the European Union; the acceding countries Bulgaria and Romania; the candidate countries Turkey and Croatia and The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia; the countries of the Stabilization and Association Process and potential candidates Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Serbia; as well as Ukraine and Moldova), Iceland, the Lao People's Democratic Republic (on behalf of the Group of the Landlocked Developing Countries), Benin (on behalf of the Least Developed Countries), Haiti (on behalf of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM)), Zambia (on behalf of the Southern African Development Community (SADC)), the Russian Federation, Japan, India, Bangladesh, China, the United States and Mongolia.

Organization of work

The Chairperson made a statement.

Third Committee

42nd meeting

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions . . . . . [41]

The Committee continued its general discussion and heard statements by the representatives of the Islamic Republic of Iran, the Republic of Korea, the Russian Federation, Angola, Thailand, Colombia, Zambia, Algeria, Azerbaijan, Mauritania, India, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Kuwait, the Sudan, Eritrea, Georgia and Ethiopia, as well as by the observer for the Holy See.

Statements were also made by the representatives of the International Organization for Migration, the International Committee of the Red Cross and the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of agenda item 41.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/61/L.47

The representative of Estonia introduced the draft resolution, also on behalf of Costa Rica.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/61/L.44

The Secretary informed the Committee that the Sudan should have been included as a sponsor of the draft resolution.

The representative of the Russian Federation introduced the draft resolution, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Kazakhstan and Ukraine.

Right of reply

A statement in the exercise of the right of reply was made by the representative of the Russian Federation.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

Treaty event

Intergovernmental Agreement on the Trans-Asian Railway Network
Jakarta, 12 April 2006

Opening for signature

The above Agreement was adopted by the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific at its sixty-second session by resolution number 62/4 on the Intergovernmental Agreement on the Trans-Asian Railway Network, held in Jakarta, Indonesia, on 12 April 2006.

It shall be open for signature by States, which are members of the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, at Busan, Republic of Korea, on 10 and 11 November 2006, during the Ministerial Conference on Transport, and thereafter at United Nations Headquarters in New York from 16 November 2006 to 31 December 2008.

Certified true copies of the Agreement, of which the Chinese, English and Russian texts are equally authentic, will be prepared and will be transmitted to all States as soon as feasible.

The Secretary-General takes this opportunity to recall that, under the established international practice, only Heads of State, Heads of Government or Ministers for Foreign Affairs are empowered, by virtue of their functions, to sign a treaty on behalf of a State without having to produce full powers to that effect. Other representatives wishing to sign a treaty must be in possession of appropriate full powers, which expressly authorize signature of a specified treaty by a named representative issued and signed by one of these authorities. Full powers are distinct from credentials. Credentials alone are not adequate for the purpose of signing a treaty.

The Secretary-General would be obliged if States wishing to sign the Agreement could notify and, as necessary, provide copies of the required full powers in advance to the Treaty Section, Office of Legal Affairs, at United Nations Headquarters in New York (tel. 1 (212) 963-5047; fax 1 (212) 963-3693; e-mail treaty@un.org).

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Chairmen of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *November 2006* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Namibia
H.E. Mr. Kaire Munionganda Mbuende

Asian States:
Pakistan
H.E. Mr. Munir Akram

Eastern European States:
Bulgaria
H.E. Mr. Ivan T. Piperkov

Latin American and Caribbean States:
El Salvador
H.E. Mrs. Carmen María Gallardo Hernández

Western European and other States:
Luxembourg
H.E. Mr. Jean-Marc Hoscheit

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A/61/L.19 Item 18 — Necessity of ending the economic, commercial and financial embargo imposed by the United States of America against Cuba — Australia: amendment to draft resolution A/61/L.10 [A C E F R S]

Second Committee

A/C.2/61/L.8/Rev.1 Item 69 (b) — Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance: special economic assistance to individual countries or regions — Afghanistan, Barbados, Belarus, Belize, Benin, Botswana, Brunei Darussalam, Burkina Faso, Cambodia, Chile, China, Croatia, Gabon, Ghana, Guatemala, Guyana, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Israel, Jamaica, Japan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Lesotho, Malaysia, Morocco, Myanmar, Pakistan, Peru, Philippines, Singapore, Sudan, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, Thailand and Viet Nam: revised draft resolution — Special economic assistance for the Philippines [A C E F R S]

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A/C.3/61/L.30 Item 67 (b) — Promotion and protection of human rights: human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms — Belarus: draft resolution — Inadmissibility of human rights violations through the practice of secret detention and unlawful transfers while countering terrorism [A C E F R S]

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A/C.3/61/L.33 Item 67 (b) — Promotion and protection of human rights: human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms — Cuba: draft resolution — Enhancement of international cooperation in the field of human rights [A C E F R S]

A/C.3/61/L.34 Item 67 (b) — Promotion and protection of human rights: human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms — Cuba: draft resolution — The right to development [A C E F R S]

A/C.3/61/L.35 Item 67 (b) — Promotion and protection of human rights: human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms — Cuba: draft resolution — Human rights and unilateral coercive measures [A C E F R S]

A/C.3/61/L.36 Item 67 (b) — Promotion and protection of human rights: human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms — Albania, Austria, Belgium, Chile, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Ecuador, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Guatemala, Hungary, Ireland, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Mexico,

	Monaco, Netherlands, Norway, Panama, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland and United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland: draft resolution — Protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism [A C E F R S]
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A/C.3/61/L.47	Item 41 — Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions — Costa Rica and Estonia: draft resolution — Enlargement of the Executive Committee of the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees [A C E F R S]
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S/2006/868	Letter dated 6 November 2006 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Qatar to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]
S/2006/869	Letter dated 7 November 2006 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Azerbaijan to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]
S/PRST/2006/44	Statement by the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]
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